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patterns using an adjustable apparatus.

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Add to section: "Brief Description of the drawings"

FIG 8 is a cross-sectional view of an adapter that can be used with prior art push button style paper punches.

FIG 9 is a cross-sectional view of an adapter that can be used with prior art lever-actuated paper punches.

Add two new paragraphs at the end of section titled " Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment"

One such other embodiment of the invention is illustrated in FIG 8 and FIG 9 where adapters are utilized to add the adjustable feature of the invention to prior art punches. In FIG 8 an adapter for the push button style of paper punch is shown in cross section. The threaded hub 820 is a circular piece that is sized to fit over the push button 146 of a prior art paper punch. The threaded piece of hardware 800 is threaded to match the threaded section 810 of the threaded hub 820 and in use is threaded into that threaded hub 820 until it protrudes through the threaded section 810 of the threaded hub 820 and contacts the push button 146. As the user of the invention pushes the threaded hub 820, it pushes down on the button 146 until the lower edge 830 of the threaded hub 820 contacts the housing 151 of the push button punch thereby stopping and controlling the downward motion of that push button 146. By proper adjustment of the threaded hardware 800, the paper punch can be set to fully or partially punch out a pattern into a sheet of material. This then provides the same type of adjustment as described above in the preferred embodiment of the invention.

FIG 9 shows the same type of adapter for the lever-actuated style of punch where a suitably designed threaded assembly 900 is attached to the lever actuated punch below the lever 521 of that prior art punch. A threaded bolt 910 is threaded into the matching threaded hole 920 of the threaded assembly 900 where it provides the same type of adjustment as described above in the description associated with FIG 5 where the threaded bolt 910 replaces the threaded part 530 and the threaded assembly 900 replaces part 535.

In the section titled: "claims" add the following

31. An adapter designed to fit on a machine for piercing paper comprising:
an adjustable apparatus that can be moved by hand;
said adjustable apparatus acts as a stop to the downward motion of said
machine thereby controlling the amount of the pattern of said machine that is cut
into a sheet of material being pierced;
and said adapter can be attached to said machine.
- 32 An adapter as claimed in claim 31 that is attached to said machine by
using a technique capable of being removed and reattached.
32. An adapter as claimed in claim 31 that is attached to said machine by
using a technique that forms a permanent attachment to said machine.